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Cherokee & Forsyth Counties
GDOT District 6 - Cartersville **DATE** 8/2/2018
SR 20 Widening - from SR369 to SR 371

FROM  Brent Story, State Design Policy Engineer

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SUBJECT APPROVED LOCATION & DESIGN REPORT

Attached is the approved Location and Design Report with Notice of Location & Design Approval for the above subject project.

Attachment

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LOCATION AND DESIGN REPORT

FILE P.I. No. 0002862 **OFFICE** Program Delivery
STP00-0002-00(862) **DATE** May 24, 2018
Cherokee County, Forsyth County
SR 20 from East of SR 369/ Cherokee to West of SR 371/ Forsyth

FROM Kimberly W. Nesbitt, State Program Delivery Administrator *Kaytal Stovall-Dixon*

TO Brent A. Story, P.E., State Design Policy and Support Engineer
Attn: State Conceptual Design Group Manager

SUBJECT Request for Location and Design Approval

Description and Project Proposal:

Project PI No. 0002862 proposes to widen SR 20 from SR 369 in Cherokee County to SR 371 in Forsyth County. The project is part of a corridor of projects to widen SR 20 from Canton to Cumming (see attached Project Location map). The project will widen SR 20 to six lanes (three lanes in each direction) separated by a 20 ft raised median. There will be urban shoulders with curb and gutter and a 5 ft sidewalk on both sides of the road. Auxiliary turn lanes will be added at major driveways and intersections. Access to side roads and driveways will be controlled by Restricted Crossing U-Turns (RCUTs) placed in the median; truck turnarounds are provided at certain RCUT locations based on consideration of adjacent facilities that may draw tractor trailers. The project resides within an MS4 area which requires that runoff from new impervious surfaces must be treated for water quality as well as water detention to prevent downstream flooding. To satisfy the MS4 requirements the project proposes to capture all pavement runoff through use of curb and gutter into a closed drainage system, which would pipe roadway runoff to permanent dry detention basins to treat for water quality as well as to detain and provide protection from downstream flooding. The proposed design speed is 45 mph. The proposed length is approximately 6.3 miles.

Concept Approval Date: 11/14/17

Concept Update: N/A

Environmental Document: State Funded. Anticipated GEPA Document Type is an EER .

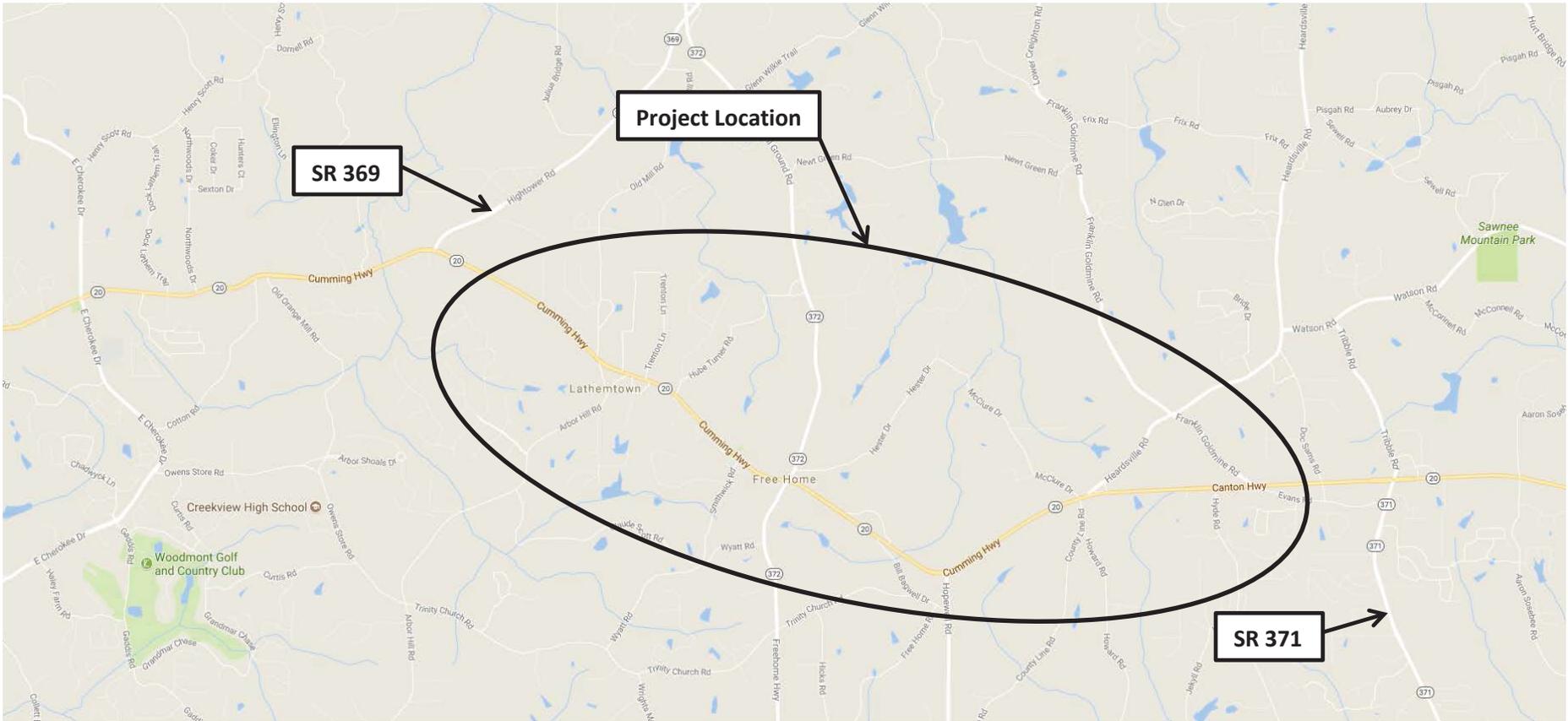
Public Involvement:

Five Public Involvement Open Houses (PIOH) were held for the entire corridor, including PIs 0014131, 0014132, 0014133, 0002862, and 0003682. The information presented reflects the comments received for the entire corridor.

- PIOH #1 (Scoping Meeting)
 - Canton - May 21, 2013 – 56 comments – 213 in attendance
 - Cumming - May 17, 2013 - 47 comments – 148 in attendance
 - Frequently heard suggestions include preserving community character/rural nature of the corridor, widening of SR 20 to four lanes and addition of turn lanes, looking for new location, bypass of Canton Marketplace congestion for through traffic, and requests to bring back the Northern Arc. The costs and benefits of rerouting SR 20 were also voiced. Attendees were vocal in their opposition to bike lanes along SR20. Attendees provided responses to survey questions regarding priorities, destinations, safety concerns, needed improvements, and travel habits along SR 20
- PIOH #2 – December 2013
 - Canton – 12/10/13 – 73 comments (26 for, 27 conditional, 13 against) – 259 in attendance
 - Cumming – 12/12/13 - 68 comments (12 for, 39 conditional, 12 against) – 273 in attendance
 - Comments were received both in support and against the various alternatives presented (widening existing, localized bypasses, new location facility, etc.).
- PIOH #3 – September 2015
 - Canton – 9/15/15 – 103 comments (20 for, 39 conditional, 10 against, 39 Unclear) – 487 in attendance
 - Cumming – 9/17/15 – 104 comments (36 for, 21 conditional, 3 against, 41 Unclear) – 440 in attendance
 - Primary comments noted that traffic is terrible and the improvements are much needed, safety is a huge concern, concern about property impacts, concern about the alternatives in Cumming, and support of widening SR 20.
- PIOH #4 – December 2016
 - Cumming – 12/6/16 – 31 comments (17 for, 10 conditional, 2 against, 2 Unclear) – 312 in attendance
 - Canton – 12/15/16 – 28 comments (8 for, 15 conditional, 1 against, 4 Unclear) – 513 in attendance
 - Overall, the project was extremely well received. The main areas of concern were regarding increased truck traffic, access with RCUTs and MUTs, right of way process, increased noise/pollution, historic properties, and not addressing the issues in Cumming.
- PIOH #5 – May 2017

PROJECT LOCATION MAP

PI 0002862



NOTICE OF LOCATION AND DESIGN APPROVAL
Cherokee & Forsyth County
P.I. No. 0002862

Notice is hereby given in compliance with Georgia Code 22-2-109 and 32-3-5 that the Georgia Department of Transportation has approved the Location and Design of this project.

The date of location and design approval is: August 2, 2018

PI 0002862 proposes to widen SR 20 beginning just east of SR 369 and ending just west SR 371. The project is located in both Cherokee County and Forsyth County. The project is located in Land Districts 1 and 3.

PI 0002862 will widen SR 20 to six lanes (three lanes in each direction) separated by a raised median. There will be urban shoulders with curb and gutter and a 5 ft sidewalk on both sides of the road. Auxiliary turn lanes will be added at major driveways and intersections. Access to side roads and driveways will be controlled by Restricted Crossing U-Turns (RCUTs) placed in the median; truck turnarounds are provided at certain RCUT locations based on consideration of adjacent facilities that may draw tractor trailers. The proposed design speed is 45 mph and the project length is approximately 6.3 miles.

Drawings or maps or plats of the proposed project, as approved, are on file and are available for public inspection at the Georgia Department of Transportation:

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Any interested party may obtain a copy of the drawings or maps or plats or portions thereof by paying a nominal fee and requesting in writing to:

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Any written request or communication in reference to this project or notice SHOULD include the P.I. Number as noted at the top of this notice.